

MEMORANDUM

November 26, 2002

TO: Governor

FROM: John

RE: Welcome home event for 114th Military Police Company

The 114th has been on active duty for about 11 months. They served at Fort Campbell, KY, and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. In Cuba, they worked at Camp X-Ray, the detention center for Al-Qaeda and Taliban prisoners.

The families of the 114th will gather in the dining facility at the Mississippi Air National Guard Base no later than 10:45 a.m. We have you arriving at that time, so you will have an opportunity to visit with the families prior to the soldiers flying in. A total of 85 soldiers will be on the plane. The company commander is Captain Robert Bartran.

Weather permitting, the families will be led outside about five minutes before the plane is scheduled to land. Once the plane is brought to a stop and the stairs are in place, you will be able to step to the base of the stairs and greet the soldiers as they come off the plane. As the soldiers disembark, they'll move into formation. A public address system will be set up and you will have an opportunity to address the troops.

If the weather is bad, the soldiers will be brought directly to the dining facility and you will have the opportunity to speak in there.

Winn-Dixie is donating pumpkin and pecan pies that will be distributed to the soldiers. When you make your remarks, you will need to recognize Wayne Wiggins, district manager for Winn-Dixie, and Glenda Adams, the deli-bakery supervisor. General Berry should also be recognized (he helped with the pie effort).

Remarks should be brief since the families will be waiting. Bullets are attached.